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2. Amendment After Allowance Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 (10 pages);
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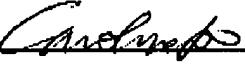
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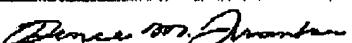
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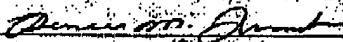
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In response to the Notice of Allowance dated March 29, 2004, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the allowed claims 1-48. However, Applicant wishes to cancel allowed claims 4 and 12 from the allowed claim set. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these two cancelled claims at a later date.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.